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### Statement on the Passing of Ms. Brenda Marsh-Mitchell

It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to the family of Brenda Marsh-Mitchell. The Los Angeles African-American community has lost a faithful servant.

Brenda was widely known as a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Sentinel, and she held other notable positions with The Bakewell Companies. I know the Sentinel family, and in particular Danny Bakewell Sr., feels this loss in an acutely poignant way. Because Brenda was one of a kind and truly irreplaceable. I knew Brenda for more than 30 years, and in all that time I can honestly say that she was tireless in her efforts to better the lives of so many people, particularly the less fortunate.

When she set her mind to see a project through it got done. Brenda was as determined and dedicated to community empowerment and community service as anyone I've known.

Long before I joined the Board of Supervisors, the state Senate or the Assembly, Brenda was in my corner. She was among the first person to walk precincts with me when I ran for City Council in 1991. I will never forget or lose my appreciation

her efforts; she went door to door, street by street, doing the long, hard of building support.

The work goes on and there is a new generation of advocates now, coming up behind. But there will never be another like Brenda Marsh-Mitchell. I will miss answering my phone to hear her say “Mark, let me tell you what we need...”

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